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1. The reply brief filed January 15, 2009 has been entered and considered. The application has been forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences for decision on the appeal. Applicant's arguments presented in the reply brief were fully and clearly addressed in the examiner's answer mailed November 18, 2008 with an explicit disclosure from the Hasse reference regarding a stretchable outer cover.

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